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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Original claims 1-12 were cancelled and new claims 13-25 were substituted in the Preliminary Amendment filed June 23, 2004.

Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A rotary-latch lock (1) having a rotary latch (6) which is retained in a locked position by a catch (9), and having an actuating member (19) which can be displaced by an electric motor from a starting position into an actuating position and ~~is intended~~ serves for pivoting the catch (9) into a release position, ~~in which the release position of the catch (9) enabling~~ the rotary latch (6) ~~can~~ to pivot into an open position, wherein a release member (24) is operative by means of the rotary latch (6), as the latter rotates into the open position, to release the actuating member (19) for the catch (9) for return displacement into the starting position.

14. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 13, wherein the actuating member (19) can be displaced from the starting position into the actuating position counter to the restoring force of a spring (20).

15. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 14, wherein the actuating member (19) is an axially displaceable worm which is arranged in a non-rotatable manner on a shaft (15) which is driven in rotation by a motor, a protrusion (23) of the release member (24) engaging in the worm helix (22).

16. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, wherein the spring (20) is a helical compression spring which is seated on the shaft (15).

17. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 13, wherein the actuating member (19) acts on a disengaging section of a catch arrangement.

18. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, wherein the shaft (15) engages through the fork interior (14) of a fork-like end (13) of the catch (9), said end forming the disengaging section.

19. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 13, wherein the release member (24) is a lever which can be pivoted about a lock-housing-mounted pin (25).

20. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, wherein the protrusion (23) is assigned to one lever arm (26) and another lever arm (27), of the

release member (24), and follows the rotary latch (6), in contact therewith.

21. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 13, further comprising a disengaging protrusion (28) which projects radially from the rotary latch (6) and is intended for another lever arm (27) of the release member (24).

22. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, wherein the shaft (15) runs up against a block when the release position of the catch (9) is reached.

23. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a stop (30) which is assigned in a rotationally fixed manner to the shaft (15), and strikes against a mating stop (31) when the release position of the catch (9) is reached.

24. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 23, wherein the stop (30) is a radial protrusion and the mating stop (31) is assigned to the disengaging section.

25. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 23, wherein the stop (30) is at an end of the shaft (15).